



The First National Charter committee on continuing education, at a luncheon meeting, discussed the advisability of developing additional college level courses designed to further the education of officers and key employees. The present Credit Analysis course, established at Avila College, was developed by First National Charter Corporation and further revised by the Department of Business and Economics at Avila. Those attending the luncheon included committee members and guests from Avila. *Back Row (L-R):* Bob Ward, training director, First National Bank of Kansas City; John J. Blanchat, vice president, First National Bank; Norville R. Gish, senior vice president, First National Charter Corporation; Larry D. Lewis, assistant professor of Business and Economics, Avila; and Donald C. See, executive vice president, Livestock National Bank, *Front Row (L-R):* Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, president, Avila; Robert W. Rogers, chairman of the continuing education committee and executive vice president, First National Charter Corporation; and Donald H. Kastle, vice president, First National Bank.



PAUL De BACCO TO BE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mr. Paul De Bacco, Corporate Vice President of Personnel for Hallmark Cards, and a member of Avila's Board of Counselors, will address the 59th Commencement on Saturday, May 22. More than 300 graduating seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees at the 6 p.m. ceremony on the terrace at Blasco Hall.

Preceding the Commencement exercises, the Right Reverend Charles H. Helmsing, Bishop of Kansas City, St. Joseph, will celebrate the Graduation Mass in the Goppert Theatre at 4 p.m. Reading the prayer will be the Reverend Lewis Johnston, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and husband of Virginia Johnston, Avila's Allied Health Department Coordinator.

Leading off the weekend's activities will be a graduation barbecue on Friday evening; on Saturday the day will begin with a graduation coffee at 9:30 a.m., followed by Honors Convocation and the Nurse's Pin Ceremony at 10:30 a.m., and concluding with Mass and Commencement.

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Take Me to Your Liter

Liter, meter, degrees Celsius, kilogram. Miss America's measurements, 90-59-90. What kind of world is this?

According to Sister Ann Dominic Tassone, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Avila, it's a metric world. Busy preparing for National Metric Week, May 10-14, Sister is enthusiastic about adopting the metric system, pointing out that the United States is the only major country not using it. The vast amount of international trade engaged in is a catalyst persuading the United States to change its weights, as the Metric system has been legal in this country since 1866.

In December 1975, President Ford signed into law the U.S. Metric Bill which declares a policy of gradual voluntary conversion to the metric system.

Sister Ann Dominic stresses taking a balanced, common sense approach

to learning metric, and insists, "Educators have to carry the ball. We must change the thinking of the population. Think metric! It won't be as drastic as we conjure. But children coming along will be the ones to use metric."

As a teacher of teachers of elementary math, Sr. Ann Dominic has a multitude of strategies and methods at hand for presenting the metric system to children, and for implementing the mental conversion of grownups. To one all male class, she explained, "A liter is a quart plus a shot."

As shown in the picture, Sr. encourages Shirley Matthews and Debra Stanley to use metric teaching aids in her Methods of Math for Elementary Teachers class. During Metric Week, designated by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the math department will concentrate signs and displays in O'Reilly Hall to help students Think Metric.

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★ to the class of 1976 ★
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NEW DIRECTOR SELECTED

Jeffrey G. Nemens has been appointed Director of Development for Avila to assist the President in the vital program of fund raising.

Currently, Jeff is Director of Student Life Activities on campus. He will take up his new duties July 1.

Jeff says he plans to develop a comprehensive fund raising program over the next few years; he is especially interested in coordinating existing resources and programs.

An outgoing, enthusiastic man with friendly brown eyes, Jeff hopes to meet personally as many alumni and friends of the college as possible, and he extends an invitation to stop by the campus and visit.

Though he is active in Sigma Chi Fraternity on a national level, Jeff says most of his hobbies center around his wife Karen and his two sons, Eric John, 5 and Jeremy, 1. As a family, the Nemens like to cook, camp out and ski cross country.

Alumni Telethon to Begin

Many thanks to those who have graciously responded to the Alumni Solicitation Drive.

But some of us like to wait for a call from a classmate or one of the Sisters before sending in our annual check. So, for those who like the personal touch, an extensive telephone campaign will be waged during the week-day evenings of May and June.

If you could manage an evening to help call, please contact Sister Rose Anthony, Alumni Secretary, at 942-8400, ext. 219.

Avila's goal of 1500 donors is important. We have over 3600 Alumni. The percentage who contribute is significant, not the amount. Could you give? Today?

Interested in summer classes? Send for your catalog listing courses and times, or call Admissions, 942-8400, ext. 203. Plan to find out how summer is different, to a degree, at Avila.



Lillian Budke (Mrs. Harold), chairman, smiles a greeting to fellow members and guests at the Scholarship Sponsors luncheon and card party on March 19. Nearly 150 ladies attended the St. Joseph's Day event, which also featured a style show and a tour of the campus.

Seven members of the faculty and staff who have served Avila for 10 years were honored recently at a dinner-theatre party. They are, front row, Sr. Virginia May, Antonio Leon, Jane Adelsberger, Lila Crandell, and back row, Sr. Martha Smith, Sr. Ruth Stuckel and Sr. Paul Joseph Koutsoumpas.

